

# Total Coliform Rule Revision / Distribution System Technical Public Meeting

## Technical Public Meeting – June 13-14, 2007

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EPA is holding a Technical Public Meeting in Washington, DC, to discuss available information on the Total Coliform Rule (TCR) and, where applicable, discuss data available to better understand public health risks associated with distribution systems. The TCR provides public health protection from microbial contamination in drinking water, while indicating the adequacy of treatment and the integrity of the drinking water distribution system. EPA committed to begin the process of revising the TCR as part of the 6-year review requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA believes that an opportunity for implementation burden reduction exists in revising the TCR; the Agency plans to assess the effectiveness of the current TCR in reducing public health risk and what technically supportable alternative/additional monitoring strategies are available to reduce implementation costs while maintaining or improving public health protection.

EPA's outreach effort, which included a Technical Workshop held in January 2007, indicated that a formal consensus building process was appropriate for the revision effort. Therefore, in addition to the Technical Public Meeting, the Agency is also considering establishing a Federal Advisory Committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide advice and make recommendations to the Agency on possible revisions to the Total Coliform Rule (TCR), and on what information about distribution systems may be needed to better understand the public health impact from the degradation of drinking water quality in distribution systems.

At this Technical Public Meeting, attendees will discuss and offer individual input regarding possible data sources to support the potential Federal Advisory Committee's discussions of potential TCR revisions, the available data, and analyses that may be needed. Attendees will also discuss information about initial data inventories and research needs to characterize distribution system issues.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 (8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern

Daylight Time (EDT)) and Thursday, June 14, 2007 (8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT). Attendees should register for the meeting by calling Jason Peller at (202) 965-6387 or by email to [jpeller@resolve.org](mailto:jpeller@resolve.org) no later than June 8, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the offices of RESOLVE at 1255 Twenty-third Street NW, Suite 275, Washington, DC 20037.

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